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COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY:

Humanities on the Frontier

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HISTORIC SITE FORM

State NEBRASKA County MADISON

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town) ORIGINAL —
2 MILES WEST + 1/4 NORTH OF MEADOW GROVE NEBR.

Is this the original location? yes

Name of building & origin of name FIRST CALLED SCOTT SCHOOL
LATER CALLED TERRY SCHOOL (NAMED AFTER FAMILY'S IN DISTRICT)

Name & number of the district ENTER PRIZE DIST. 71

Date built 1ST BUILDING 1888 (SMALL STRUCTURE)
2ND + PRESENT BUILT AROUND 1900 Years in use 2ND BUILDING USED UP TO 1964 WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED.

Who built it? A contractor or the community? UNCERTAIN

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? PROBABLY CONSTRUCTED FROM PLAN BOOK, BECAUSE IT WAS

A TYPICAL TYPE BUILDING ONE ROOM 18' X 36' WITH 3 WINDOWS ON EACH SIDE.

LATER WAS STANDARDIZED IN THE 20'S (SOME WINDOWS CHANGED + A ENCLOSED FRONT PORCH ATTACHED.)

Names of former teachers:

MAUDE WIESE (1919-20) ALVAR OLSON (1925-26)
BERNICE SCOTT (1918-19) MILDRED HORN (1926-27)
CLAUDE STEWARD 1903 BLANCHE PIERCE 1931
Letha Hurd 1914-15

Names of former students (family names only):

SCOTT — TERRY'S — STEWARD'S

Name & address of person in charge of building:

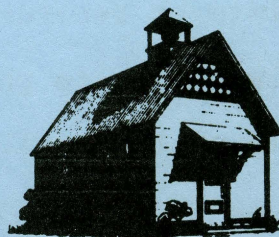
GARY KUCHAR RR2 MEADOW GROVE, NEBR. 68752. I BOUGHT
I MOVED THE SCHOOL BUILDING TO MY FARM 5 MILES SO + 1/4 EAST
OF MEADOW IN 1970. IT IS RESTORED BACK TO ORIGINAL.
WHO IS THE OWNER?

GARY KUCHAR

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COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY HISTORIC SITE FORM

Architectural Features:

Size of building 18' x 36' with 8' ^{enclosed} porch ADDED TO FRONT. ^{IN LATER YEARS}

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) 9 - WINDOWS IN MAIN BUILDING & 2 WINDOWS IN PORCH ENCLOSURE. (TOTAL OF 8 PANE IN EACH WINDOW)

Number of doors (entrances) 1 FRONT DOOR

Number of classrooms 1

Bell tower or cupola HAS ATTACHED BELL TOWER WITH WORKING BELL

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) BRICK FOUNDATION & WOOD FRAME BUILDING.

Type of roof GABLED

Outhouses NONE NOW

Playground Equipment MERRY GO ROUND

Color of building & trim WHITE

Coal shed or stable 1 - COB HOUSE (COAL SHED) NO STABLE

Teacherage

Flagpole 1 GOOD FLAG POLE.

Other architectural features:

Anything left inside? STUDENT'S DESKS TEACHER'S DESK BOOKS, PICTURES, SAND BOX.
I'VE ADDED OTHER THINGS TO BRING IT BACK TO ORIGINAL LIKE MAPS, CLOCK, PHONO GRAPH ETC.

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember?

Current condition & use: NOT IN USE ANY MORE.

CONDITION IS GOOD TO EXCELLENT.

District records available: yes X no where stored 2 OLD RECORD BOOKS IN THE BUILDING.

Black & white photo taken: yes X no

Old photos available: yes X no

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

Name & address of surveyor James L. Verten date 2/4/81



JAMES L. DERTIEN

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DEAR JIM,

MRS. REEVES Give me the INFORMATION FORMS

THAT you need ON our COUNTRY School DIST 27 OF MADISON CO.
I've had some history INFORMATION ON the school & will get it to
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I've spent my eight years AT DIST 27 & my

DAUGHTER IS GOING THERE NOW. ~~IT~~ IT APPEARS THAT THIS WILL BE
THE LAST YEAR THAT THE SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN. BACK IN 1970 I

MOVED A OLD STYLE ONE ROOM SCHOOL TO MY FARM & RESTORED IT
TO ORIGINAL. WITH BELL TOWER & ALL. IT WAS OLD DIST # 71 SCHOOL
WHERE MY MOTHER HAD ATTENDED SCHOOL. ACCORDING TO RECORDS THE
FIRST SCHOOL WAS HELD ON MY FARM FROM 1873-1879, THE THE PRESENT SITE
WAS USED FROM 1879-1980, WHICH IS ABOUT 2 MILES TO THE NW FROM
my place.

Sincerely yours GARY
RR2 MEADOW GROVE NB. 68752 KUCHAR